

Remarks

In response to the Examiners request via telephone on May 19, 2005 for confirmation of the availability of the deposited biological material of the instant Application, Applicants submit herein the following statement (attested to by the signature, below, of the Agent for the Applicants), in order to bring the instant Application into a condition for allowance:

Availability of the Deposit

Human Genome Sciences, Inc., the assignee of the present application, has deposited biological material under the terms of the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Micro-organisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with the following International Depository Authority: American Type Culture Collection (ATCC), 10801 University Boulevard, Manassas, Virginia 20110-2209 (present address). The deposit was made on July 3, 2000, accepted by the ATCC, and given ATCC Accession Number PTA-2185. In accordance with M.P.E.P. § 2410.01 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.808, assurance is hereby given that all restrictions on the availability to the public of ATCC Accession Number PTA-2185 will be irrevocably removed upon the grant of a patent based on the instant application, except as permitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.808(b). A partially redacted copy of the ATCC Deposit Receipt for Accession Number PTA-2185 is enclosed herewith as **Exhibit A**.

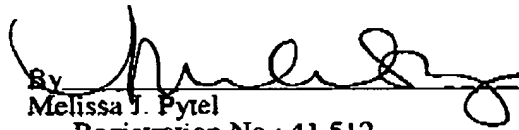
Conclusion

The Applicant respectfully requests that the aforementioned remarks be entered and made of record in the file history of the instant application. In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicant believes that the Examiner's concerns have been fully addressed and that this application is now in condition for allowance. An early notice to that effect is urged. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the phone number provided below if any further action by the Applicant would expedite the examination of this application.

Finally, if there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 08-3425. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

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